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## Letter from Anne Whitney, to Adeline Manning, 1866 April 19

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#9  
Thurs Evng. Apr. 19. 1866

Now I tell you that we also  
have been sitting on the pier  
this evng. & that the Mercury Cloud  
at 10 in the day time of m. will  
clear & make thin - glorious  
reflections on yr. Superior Chime  
& will thereby be morally benefited  
& met. And I remember that  
Boston is day helping Sarah  
find a female help out for  
poor Betty who looks pretty  
much worn out, but still bright  
& more lumber for than ever while  
Sarah thinks she does at last  
succeeds. If the best. wh.  
you think can be finished in  
3 days is done in 3 weeks I shall  
be glad. The gipsy does not  
stay one long enough to give one  
good look at her somewhat  
tired & very mobile grimace.  
An artist as multifarious  
as those of the e. & m. General  
& she does so holiday until 1st May  
If I thought it best to go to D. 17  
I shd. go without rest & the work  
cut & run. But at present my  
little one & do not entertain  
myself with the thought at all.  
I have felt much more like



work this week. & think my  
lazy fit is passing. Perhaps  
the cause is in the unexpected  
difficulties I find in the suc-  
cessful doing of this work wh.  
prevents me to as of late.  
unwonted effort.

What can I  
tell you about that recipe<sup>2</sup>?  
There were first & last about  
30 persons present. I shall  
stop to write names for as  
not recognize them or but few  
of them. The boy, if one can judge  
by what is said at such times  
is greatly liked. Just as much.  
& now & then I find an  
admiring view. The mothers  
gloat over the babies. But why  
I do not enjoy officiating at  
these parties & for Alex is far  
better. Yesterday P.M. some  
10 persons came. undoubtedly  
at such times there are two  
sets. one that comes to see the  
work & another who want look  
in if they cd. at. see the  
workers & a certain advantage  
there may be where the interest  
in art is at a low ebb as it



certainly seems to be here in  
creating if possible a little  
personal interest.

Is your mean  
my dear that you do not intend  
to send another book if one of yours  
this season? Is it that you  
are so tired? I do not infer  
from the fact that you were  
a fortnight in sketching that  
effect of ability weakens. But  
only that your sense of the value  
of the book grows stronger. But  
you must not beyond the safe  
point just myself, better well-  
a 12 month, — I spent last  
Feb. with Katy. It is always  
good to be with her. Monday  
I dined with the Ashburtons. Mr.  
Emerson is giving a course of lec-  
tures on Feb 8. I meant to  
go but forgot the first one  
last Sat. Mr. Lath did not read  
one until Wed. Oct 17<sup>th</sup> so  
it came through by accident.  
+ saw there some superb <sup>photographs</sup> of  
views of buildings in Spain. They  
have two very large Roman photo-  
graphs. Why wonder are these foreign pictures  
so much finer than anything



we have done here!  
I must get the Examiner & read  
the article wh. has caused you  
in - That "old Abbot" is quite  
a young man Sir, say, & it  
is likely his philosophical claims  
has soon a time to show. I did  
not read enough to discover  
anything of wh. you speak & am  
not able to talk with you upon  
the theme. It is well to have  
the pillars of our faith tried  
by a cold blow. we look to  
see if the foundation is sure.  
I am glad you have talked with  
Mr. Fommers about the matter.  
Doesn't he go soon to the ~~the~~  
what is the name of that College?  
I have tried every letter of the  
alphabet. My Abby, what  
skill you have in exercises! I  
suppose it is scarcely civil per-  
haps not moral to try to see what  
another has said. but it is as  
natural as to eat your goose when  
you are famishing - & indeedly you  
think so for you have drawn  
3 or 4 distinct cartoons over that  
piece on the Spenserian short-  
comings. I sh. have presented my  
greetings for such a lovely long  
letter if it had not been for that